

**March 23, 2015
Springfield, Missouri**

The City Council met in regular session March 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Stephens. A prayer was given by Jerry Compton.

Roll Call

Present: Craig Hosmer, Doug Burlison, Jerry Compton, Jan Fisk, and Bob Stephens. Absent: Cindy Rushefsky, Mike Carroll, and Craig Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Minutes

The minutes of March 9, 2015 were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agendas were finalized and approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Anita Cotter, Acting City Clerk, swore in Kent Brown and Justin Stanek to serve as members of the Landmarks Board.

Ms. Cotter also swore in Kimberly Mooney to serve as a member to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee.

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters:

**Recognizing: William
(Bill) Blevins**

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-062. A resolution recognizing William (Bill) Blevins for 25.4 years of dedicated service as an employee of the City of Springfield.

Mayor Stephens read the resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Blevins attended the meeting and accepted the resolution.

Zim Schwartze, Director of Emergency 911 (E-911), expressed her appreciation to Mr. Blevins for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Springfield and the Community.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2015-062. Resolution 10201 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

City Managers report and responses to questions raised at the previous City Council meeting:

Greg Burris, City Manager, responded all questions had been answered.

City Manager Burris expressed his appreciation to Mr. Blevins for his dedicated service to the City and Community.

City Manager Burris announced that City staff is requesting that Council Bill 2015-066 be remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review. He reported that due to recommendations by many of the parties involved, a new legal description is required.

City Manager Burris welcomed Anita Cotter who has been recently sworn in as Acting City Clerk. She served as Assistant City Clerk since 1996. Acting City Clerk Cotter is certified as a Missouri Municipal Clerk through the State association and is a Certified Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Municipal City Clerks Association. She obtained her Master's degree in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor's degree in business administration from Evangel University.

City Manager Burris noted that Paul Williams, Chief of Police, has provided a February Crime Report, comparing February 2015 with February 2014 numbers. He noted that overall, there was a 10% increase in crime in February 2015 over February 2014.

City Manager Burris congratulated the City's Public Information Office (PIO) and Civic Engagement Department for being awarded seven Addy awards from the Advertising Federation of America. He reported that PIO took home three Gold Addys, two Silver Addys and the Judge's Choice Award for projects completed in 2014.

City Manager Burris noted that PIO Graphic Designer Mark Montgomery won a prestigious Judges' Award and a Gold Addy for the Ozark Mountain Daredevils concert poster promoting the 2014 Birthplace of Route 66 Festival. The 5th annual Jazz Festival poster also won a Gold Addy. PIO also won a Gold Addy for the City's Annual Report: 2013 Year in Review and a Silver Addy in the integrated campaign category for the Route 66 Festival Campaign. PIO Graphic Designer Kristen Milam's Field Guide event invitation won a Silver Addy, as did the "How to Maintain Your Property/Joe Citizen," public service announcement.

Councilman Craig Hosmer requested that City staff provide an update about the issue of collective bargaining. City Manager Burris affirmed.

Councilman Doug Burlison expressed he feels the issue of breed specific legislation regarding pit bulls should move forward. He moved that Council Bill 2015-056 be brought forward with an emergency provision for possible passage at the upcoming City Council meeting on April 13, 2015.

Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion, and it failed by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer and Burlison, Nays: Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills:

K9 Protective Vests

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-055. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the donation of six K9 protective vests from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., for use by the Springfield Police Department (SPD) Police Service Dog Unit.

Council Bill 2015-055. Special Ordinance 26535 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

RESOLUTIONS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills:

Exception to the Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program – loan to The Kitchen, Inc. (The Kitchen)

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-063. A special ordinance creating an exception to the Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program for a loan to The Kitchen, Inc. (The Kitchen), authorizing the Loan Committee of the Planning and Development Department to approve a community development loan to The Kitchen for the enhancement of affordable housing, and declaring an emergency. (Staff and Loan Committee recommend approval.)

Brendan Griesemer, Planning and Development Manager, gave an overview of the proposed. He explained that The Kitchen has applied for a loan to enhance its Beacon Village Phase II project, which would provide an additional 32 units of permanent and supportive housing in the 3900 block of Billings Street; however, the location is outside of the City's approved loan boundary area.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer noted that The Kitchen has received approval from the Missouri Housing and Development Commission (MHDC) for federal and state tax credits for the affordable housing project. He addressed that the proposed would be for energy enhancements for geothermal heating and cooling system for the Phase II project.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer discussed that this would authorize the City's Planning Department's Loan Committee to provide a loan from the City's HOME loan funds, not to exceed \$350,000.00, under the rules and regulations of the Not-for-Profit Homeless Assistance Program. He added that the proposed is an emergency due to the fact that it involves a real estate loan closing with a private developer, which requires an appropriation for the payment of expenses from the City's loan program. Thus, in order to assure a timely loan closing, final action by Council is needed to take place during tonight's meeting.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer noted that City staff and the City's Planning Department's Loan Committee recommend approval of the proposed.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Debbie Shantz Hart with Housing Plus, a consultant to The Kitchen, spoke in favor of the proposed. She explained that the MHDC's program does not provide monies for operating expenses, and so they are looking for ways to help reduce energy costs for the Beacon Village Phase II project.

Ms. Shantz Hart reiterated that the proposed would help provide funding regarding energy enhancements for geothermal heating and cooling system for the Beacon Village Phase II project.

Ms. Shantz Hart was available to respond to questions if needed.

There were no questions for Ms. Hart.

With no further appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2015-063. Special Ordinance 26536 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing:

Council Bill 2015-064 and Council Bill 2015-065 were read and discussed simultaneously. The public hearing for Council Bill 2015-064 will be held over.

Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FYs 2015-2019

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-064. A resolution adopting a new Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 in order to continue receiving entitlement funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Staff recommends approval.)

FY 2015 CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-065. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to make application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds under the Consolidated Plan; to exercise any and all powers necessary to obtain such funding and implement selected projects; and to select projects for funding for the City of Springfield Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Staff and Citizen Advisory Committee for Community Development recommend approval.)

Brendan Griesemer, Planning and Development Manager, gave an overview of the Council Bill 2015-064. He discussed that the purpose is to adopt a new Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2015-2019 in order to continue receiving entitlement funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He explained that the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan assesses housing and community development needs, as well as provides a framework for use of available resources to meet those needs.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer noted that the overall goals and priorities were presented at the joint Council and Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development Committee (CACCD) public hearing held on January 20, 2015, and a draft plan was reviewed by CACCD with an opportunity for public comment at their February 24, 2015 meeting. He added that the City's FY 2015-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan is due to HUD on May 15, 2015.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer addressed that through the extensive public input process, new themes were integrated into the priorities of the existing five-year plan, which include: accessibility and universal design; energy conservation and weatherization; and access to transportation options.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer noted that due to HUD requirements, the public comment period must remain open for 30 days. Therefore, in order to meet this requirement, the public hearing will be continued until the April 13, 2015 Council meeting, and a vote can be taken.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer noted that City staff recommends approval.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer also gave an overview of Council Bill 2015-065. He explained that the City anticipates receiving approximately \$1,270,444.00 in CDBG funds and approximately \$672,773 in HOME funds for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

Planning and Development Manager Griesemer stated that the CACCD met and approved the selected CDBG projects at their meeting held on February 24, 2015. He noted that City staff and the CACCD recommend approval of the proposed.

An opportunity was given for citizens to speak.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed with the exception of Council Bill 2015-064, which will be continued until April 13, 2015.

**Rezoning: 52 acres
generally located on the
north and south sides of
Chase Street between
Broadway Avenue and
Robberson Avenue**

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-066. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 52 acres of property generally located on the north and south sides of Chase Street, between Broadway Avenue and Robberson Avenue, and properties located on the east and west sides of Washington Avenue, between Chase Street and Atlantic Street, and properties located at the intersection of Lyon Street and Atlantic Avenue from an HM, Heavy Manufacturing; LI, Light Industrial; CS, Commercial Service; LB, Limited Business; and R-SF, Single-Family Residential Districts to a Planned Development District No. 347. (Both Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

City Manager Burris reiterated that City staff is requesting that Council Bill 2015-066 be remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilman Burlison moved that Council Bill 2015-066 be remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilman Compton seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Rezoning: 24 acres
generally located north of
Chase Street, west of
Washington Street, south
of Atlantic Street, and
east of Broadway Avenue**

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-067. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 24 acres of property, generally located north of Chase Street, west of Washington Street, south of Atlantic Street and east of Broadway Avenue, from an R-SF, Single-Family Residential District and R-TH, Residential Townhouse District to R-SF, Single-Family Residential District and R-TH, Residential Townhouse District with a Live/Work Overlay District No. 1. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.) (By: City of Springfield; Woodland Heights Neighborhood; Z-13-2015, Live/Work Overlay District No. 1.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, gave an overview of the proposed. She explained that on December 15, 2014, Council adopted Resolution No. 10187, which accepted the Moon City Creative District Strategic Plan, and read the vision of the plan.

Planning and Development Director Smith noted that upon acceptance of the Moon City Creative Plan, Council initiated the proposed Live/Work Overlay District rezoning, in addition to a proposed planned development district rezoning for commercial and industrial properties in the Moon City Creative District. She added that Planning staff assisted the neighborhood residents with drafting the strategic plan, the proposed planned development district, and the Live/Work Overlay District requirements included in the proposed rezoning amendment.

Planning and Development Director Smith stated that the intent of the Live/Work District is to attract artists on a local, regional, and national basis to relocate to Moon City, and the surrounding historic neighborhood by allowing expanded business opportunities in the residences. She addressed that the maximum floor area of the Live/Work unit is 3,000 square feet, the maximum percentage of nonresidential floor area is 50%, and the maximum number of nonresidential workers or employees permitted to occupy the nonresidential area at any one time is 2 employees. Planning and Development Director Smith added that there are also restrictions pertaining to group classes held, and outlined the permitted uses that would be allowed.

Planning and Development Director Smith noted that City staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to speak.

Tim Phillips, 1920 North Robberson, spoke in favor of the proposed. He stated he feels this is a great opportunity to help the neighborhood and it has a lot of "positives."

Stephen Miller, 1865 North Jefferson, spoke in favor of the proposed. He discussed he was the first artist to relocate to this area approximately six years ago, and hopes the proposed will encourage others, which will help revitalize this area as a Live/Work District.

M. “Hasan” Choudhury, 3503 S. Forest Dale Street, spoke in favor of the proposed. He addressed the proposed would provide an opportunity for revitalization, and that a Live/Work District “makes sense.”

Eric Wood, 400 W. Atlantic, spoke in favor of the proposed. He explained that “Moon City” was a step in the right direction, and that a Live/Work District will help revitalize the area, which should help attract investment and improve housing in an older area of the City.

Stephen Ames, 413 East Morningside, spoke in favor of the proposed. He noted that he has been involved with hosting the Moon City Jam at Big Mama’s Coffee Shop located on Commercial Street the first Thursday of every month. Mr. Ames discussed he feels a Live/Work District would prove an opportunity to continue the revitalization efforts within the area, and encourage community artists and crafters to grow and thrive together in a great neighborhood.

Linda Passeri, 1868 North Missouri Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposed. She explained that the proposed would help provide herself, who lives and owns a painting studio within the Woodland Heights Neighborhood, and fellow artist with better economic opportunities.

Shirah Miriam Aumann, 3936-B West Maple Street, spoke in favor of the proposed. She addressed that she is an environmental artist, and makes paper with plant fibers. Ms. Aumann encouraged Council’s approval for the proposed.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

Travel Trailer and Recreational Vehicle Parking

Sponsor: Burlison. Council Bill 2015-068. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Article I, Zoning Ordinance, Section 1-1323, Travel Trailer, Camper, Recreational Vehicle, and Other Trailer Parking, and Section 4-1500, R-MHC, Manufactured Home Community District, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow recreational vehicle (RV) parks in the R-MHC District. (Both Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Planning and Development Director Smith gave an overview of the proposed. She explained that Council initiated amendments to consider adding recreational vehicle parks to the list of permitted uses with the R-MHC, Manufactured Home Community District, with restrictions at the August 13, 2012 meeting per Resolution No. 9979. Currently, the regulations for the R-MHC District state that recreational vehicles may not be occupied as dwellings, and recreational vehicle parks, along with campgrounds, are only permitted in Highway Commercial (HC), and Commercial Services (CS) Districts.

Planning and Development Director Smith noted that the proposed would allow recreational vehicle parks in the R-MHC District if the district has direct access to a collector or higher classified roadway. She addressed that this will concentrate any recreational vehicle parks with these manufactured home developments to be located along major highways, so that the traveling public can have quick access without disturbing any adjacent residential neighborhoods, as well as provide additional locations for tourists, construction

crews, and other visitors to temporarily reside.

Planning and Development Director Smith stated that the Development Issues Input Group (DIIG), the Urban Districts Alliance (UDA), the Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board (EAB), and all registered neighborhood associations were notified of the proposed, and have made no objections to date. She noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on March 5, 2015, and recommended approval by a vote of 5 to 1, of the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance described in Exhibit A.

Planning and Development Director Smith noted that City staff recommends approval of the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer asked if about the “rationale” for the proposed.

Planning and Development Director Smith explained that the proposed addresses some existing conditions within the City. She discussed that a manufactured home park located on Nature Center Way, which is near a major roadway, has expressed some concerns due to having other visitors, such as construction crew individuals, needing temporary residence in an RV for a period of time.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there would be a timeframe regarding an individual residing in an RV on a temporary basis.

Planning and Development Director Smith responded no. She reported that most RV parks have sanitary sewer hookups over and dump stations are also provided in some places.

An opportunity was given for citizens to speak.

Craig Lowther, 901 St. Louis Street, Attorney, was available to respond to questions if needed.

There were no questions for Mr. Lowther.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill 2015-069 and Council Bill 2015-070 were read and discussed simultaneously.

**Rezoning: 0.46 acres
located at 1858 and 1866
East Cairo Street**

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-069. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 0.46 acres of property, generally located at 1858 and 1866 East Cairo Street, from an R-TH, Residential Townhouse District, to an HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 89; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.) (By: Great Southern Bank; 1858 and 1866 East Cairo Street; Z-11-2015 & Conditional Overlay District No. 89.)

**Rezoning: 0.33 acres
located at 1859 and 1863
East Walnut Street**

Sponsor: Council Bill 2015-070. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 0.33 acres of property, generally located at 1859 and 1863 East Walnut Street, from an R-TH, Residential Townhouse District, to an HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 90; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.) (By: Great Southern Bank; 1859 and 1863 East Walnut Street; Z-12-2015 & Conditional Overlay District No. 90.)

Planning and Development Director Smith gave an overview of Council Bill 2015-069. She explained that approval of the proposed would be consistent with Council's approval of the rezoning of property west of the subject property from R-TH to HC in 2013 and 2014.

Planning and Development Director Smith noted that the applicant is proposing the use of the property for parking for the Great Southern Bank Operations Facility to the north and for office uses in the future. She added that the Conditional Overlay District would limit the uses on the subject property to commercial off-street parking lots and the general office use group. The Conditional Overlay District would also require additional right-of-way to be dedicated for Cairo Street and construction of a sidewalk along the property frontage of Cairo Street.

Planning and Development Director Smith reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on March 5, 2015, and recommended approval.

Planning and Development Director Smith also gave an overview of Council Bill 2015-070. She explained that approval of the proposed would be consistent with Council's approval of the rezoning of property west of the subject property from R-TH to HC in 2013 and 2014.

Planning and Development Director Smith explained that Conditional Overlay District would require additional right-of way to be dedicated for Dysart Avenue and sidewalk construction along the property frontage of Walnut Street.

Planning and Development Director Smith reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission also held a public hearing on March 5, 2015, and recommended approval. She added that City staff also recommends approval for Council Bills 2015-069 and Council Bill 2015-070.

An opportunity was given for citizens to speak.

Tyler Peck, 1720 West James River Road, Ozark, MO., spoke in favor of the proposed. He is representing Great Southern Bank, and was available to respond to questions about the proposed.

There were no questions for Mr. Peck.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills:

Fee Schedule – Chapter 353 and Chapter 99 Applications

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2015-071. A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain municipal services as provided in the Springfield City Code by adopting new fees for Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo) Chapter 353 and Chapter 99 applications, in order to recover all of the cost thereof.

Planning and Development Director Smith gave an overview of the proposed. She explained that the proposed is to amend the fees for Chapter 353 and Chapter 99 applications to 100% cost-recovery, and if approved, would become effective upon passage. The proposed was a request by Councilman Hosmer.

Planning and Development Director Smith discussed that the proposed would do the following:

- would increase the charges for service for Chapter 353's to \$2,038.00 from the current fee of \$1,245.00;
- would increase the charges for service for Chapter 99 Redevelopment Plan and Blight Report to \$1,752.00 from the current fee of \$750.00;
- would increase the charges for service for Chapter 99 Redevelopment Plan Only to \$1,364.00 from \$750.00; and
- would increase the charge for service regarding request for Chapter 99 Property Tax Abatement to \$359.00 from the current fee of \$250.00.

Councilman Burlison asked if any other entity/organization (i.e. DIIG) has provided negative feedback about the proposed.

Planning and Development Director Smith responded that City staff has only received positive feedback from DIIG at present date about the proposed about the need for developers to pay 100% for cost recovery to the City.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

University Plaza Exhibition Hall and Trade Center Redevelopment Area

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-072. A special ordinance declaring that the University Plaza Exhibition Hall and Trade Center Redevelopment Area is free of blight and that the Redevelopment Plan for said Area be terminated. (The Planning and Zoning Commission, Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, and City staff recommend approval.)

Planning and Development Director Smith gave an overview of the proposed. She explained that this would declare the current Springfield Expo Center and University Plaza Convention Center no longer blighted and would terminate the University Plaza Exhibition Hall and Trade Center Redevelopment Plan.

Planning and Development Director Smith discussed that on May 2, 1983, the City Council had adopted Resolution No. 6962, which declared approximately 4.85 acres along the north side of the 600 block of East Saint Louis Street (site of the former Sear's department store) a blighted area, and authorized the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority to prepare a redevelopment plan for

this area.

Planning and Development Director Smith noted that since 2013, all property tax owed has been paid by the developer, and the Redevelopment Plan is no longer necessary. She noted that City staff recommends approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

**Southwest Missouri State
College Urban Renewal
Area**

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-073. A special ordinance declaring a portion of the former Southwest Missouri State College Urban Renewal Area generally bounded by East Cherry Street to the north, East Grand Street to the south, South National Avenue to the east, and South Holland Avenue to the west, has been revitalized and is no longer a blighted area. (The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority and City Staff recommend approval.)

Planning and Development Director Smith gave an overview of the proposed. She explained that on December 5, 1965, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4513, which declared approximately 181.52 acres generally bounded by East Cherry Street to the north, East Grand Street to the south, South National Avenue to the east, and South Kimbrough Avenue to the west a blighted area, and directed the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) to prepare an Urban Renewal Plan for the area.

Planning and Development Director Smith discussed that the LCRA drafted and submitted to City Council the Southwest Missouri State College Urban Renewal Plan, and the plan was initially intended to encompass the entire 181.52 acres that was previously blighted in 1965. However, it encompassed only the western 63.94 acres located over the west side of the Missouri State central campus and the adjacent residential neighborhood. On May 30, 1972, City Council approved the Plan per Resolution No. 5495.

Planning and Development Director Smith addressed that on July 29, 2013, the City Council adopted Special Ordinance No. 26279, which terminated the Urban Renewal Plan, but the underlying blighted designation made in 1965 remained in place. She reported that City staff recently reviewed the area previously blighted in 1965, and have concluded that the area west of South Holland Avenue continues to exhibit certain blighting conditions, as well as the UMHE Campus Housing Redevelopment Area, which is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of East Cherry Street and South Florence Avenue and “The Q Place” Student Housing Redevelopment Area, which is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of East Bear Boulevard and South Holland Avenue. Planning and Development Director Smith added that the remaining area, which is predominately owned by Missouri State University (MSU), has been revitalized and no longer exhibits blighted conditions, and City staff is recommending that this portion be declared free of blight.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his support for Council Bills 2015-072 and 2015-073.

Councilman Hosmer asked how City staff determines whether or not to “unblight” a property (i.e. study).

Planning and Development Director Smith responded that with a Chapter 353 project, City staff reviews the project and area to make sure it had been completed and that the abatement had ended. Thus, there would be no need to continue the blight. She added that sometimes, City staff has to review an area “block by block” to determine whether blight is still present, as was the case with Council Bill 2015-073.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Fire Prevention Code - Tents

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-074. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 54, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, Fire Prevention Code, Section 54-32, by amending Chapter 31 of the International Fire Code to add Sections 3103.2.1, 3103.2.2, 3103.9, and 3103.13 and establishing an effective date.

David Hall, Fire Chief, gave an overview of the proposed. He explained that in July 2014, the Fire Department began the process in working with the tent vendors on establishing clear guidelines and requirements for staking and ballasting tents based upon the Fire Department finding that many tents were not erected in conformance with the adopted Fire Code.

Fire Chief Hall discussed that, currently, there are no nationally recognized standards for the installation of tents, and implementing the proposed is the best alternative currently available. He noted that the primary components of the proposed include the requirement for the tent renters and installers to be trained and certified; the tent owner is required to request the permit; and the tents must be installed according to approved guidelines.

Fire Chief Hall stated that the Fire Department intends to work with the agencies within the industry to establish an annual training program for tent vendors.

Councilman Burlison asked if there have been any concerns expressed by the tent vendors about the proposed.

Fire Chief Hall responded that some tent vendors expressed some concern early on when this was being discussed about the amount of time required to apply for a permit; however, he feels confident that several of the concerns expressed have been addressed and resolved at this time.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Cheryl Clay, NAACP, briefly spoke about the issue of employment within the Community. She introduced Betsy Sandbothe, who gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Springfield NAACP Labor and Industrial Committee, Employment Opportunities.” A copy of Ms. Sandbothe’s presentation is available within the City Clerk’s Office.

Ms. Clay and Ms. Sandbothe expressed that they feel based upon their research and findings, the issue of employment opportunities for felons should be referred to the Community Involvement Committee for their review.

Ms. Sandbothe noted that tonight's presentation has not been updated with new data from 2014 as opposed to 2013, but she would provide an updated copy of her presentation to the City Clerk's Office for distribution.

The City Council discussed possibly referring the issue of employment opportunities for felons to the Community Involvement Committee for review.

Following a briefly discussion and per a consensus of the City Council, they decided to postpone referring this issue to the Community Involvement Committee until an updated copy of the presentation has been sent to them for further review and would review a possible referral at their April 13, 2015 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Councilman Burlison asked that City staff provide him with possible options about procedural and/or legal recourse for proceeding with the issue of Council Bill 2015-056 (breed specific legislation regarding pit bulls), because he feels his right to be heard has not appropriately recognized by his fellow colleagues.

City Manager Burris responded that City staff would provide the requested in writing.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business:

The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Lisa McIntire with term to expire April 11, 2018.

The City Manager recommends the following reappointment to the Industrial Development Authority: Sheila S. Collins with term to expire October 31, 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda First Reading Bills:

Casket Donation to Fire Honor Guard

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-075. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the donation of a casket from Associated Memorials, Inc. for use in training the Springfield Fire Department Honor Guard.

2016 Annual Conference of the Missouri Valley Division of the IAFC

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-076. A special ordinance accepting the bid of University Plaza Hotel in the amount of \$27,428 for conference meeting space and lodging room rates to host the 2016 Annual Conference of the Missouri Valley Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC); authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement for said space and rates; and establishing an effective date.

Revised Preliminary Plat of The Hill Sponsor: Fishel. Council Bill 2015-077. A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of the public streets and easements as shown on the Revised Preliminary Plat of The Hill, generally located at 2915 South Lone Pine Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with the terms of this ordinance. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Salary Ordinance – Various Positions Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-078. A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the Salary Ordinance (Salary Ordinance), relating to the salary rate and pay grade for various job titles within the City of Springfield (City) Police Department (Police), as contained in the Professional, Administrative and Technical (PAT) salary schedules, by adding one new job title, Records Management System Coordinator (PAT-6); and by amending the Salary Ordinance relating to the salary rate and pay grade for one job title within the City’s Information Systems Department (IS), as contained in the PAT salary schedules, by reclassifying the job title of Helpdesk Manager (PAT 9), which will result in the addition of one new job title, Helpdesk Manager (PAT 11), and the deletion of one job title, Helpdesk Manager (PAT 9).

Salary Ordinance – Department of Risk Management Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-079. A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the salary ordinance relating to salary rates and pay grades for Department Head (DHS) pay schedules, by making provision for one new job title; creating the Department of Risk Management; and establishing an effective date for said amendments.

South Creek Restoration Project – bid of Towe Construction, Inc. Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-085. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the South Creek Restoration project, Plan No. 2014PW0053W, accepting the bid of Towe Construction Co., Inc., for that project, and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda One Reading Bills:

Redefine the Threshold – Economic and Housing Access Calamity Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-080. A resolution amending Resolution No. 10178 to redefine the threshold of when the declaration of economic and housing access calamity shall be in effect for the City, and extending the declaration of economic and housing access calamity until the condition is no longer met, or March 31, 2016, whichever occurs first. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2015-080. Resolution 10202 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Golden Avenue
Widening – bid of
Hamilton and Dad, Inc.**

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-081. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Golden Avenue Widening - South Creek to Glenwood Street project, Plan No. 2014PW0047WT, accepting the bid of Hamilton & Dad, Inc., for that project, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder, and declaring an emergency.

Council Bill 2015-081. Special Ordinance 26537 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Cooperative Partnership
Agreement with
Springfield R.12 –
Golden Avenue
Widening**

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-082. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cooperative Partnership Agreement with the School District of Springfield R12 (SPS) for the Golden Avenue Widening – South Creek to Glenwood Street project, Plan No. 2014PW0047WT, for the purpose of adding a left-turn lane along south Golden Avenue, from South Creek to Glenwood Street; amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$182,750 for a contribution from SPS for their portion of the estimated project costs; and declaring an emergency.

Council Bill 2015-082. Special Ordinance 26538 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Jordan Valley Concept
Plan**

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-083. A resolution amending the Jordan Valley Concept Plan by accepting the revised Jordan Valley Concept Master Plan graphic. (The Jordan Valley Advisory Committee, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2015-083. Resolution 10203 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Rountree Neighborhood
Plan and Rountree
Urban Conservation
District**

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-084. A resolution initiating review of the Rountree Neighborhood Plan and Rountree Urban Conservation District, to consider modifying one or both as needed. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2015-084. Resolution 10204 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Temporary Assistance
for Needed Families –
Workforce Development**

Sponsor: Carroll. Council Bill 2015-086. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for the Summer Jobs program from the Missouri Division of Workforce Development; entering into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the budget of the Department of Workforce Development for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$461,538.43 to appropriate the grant funds.

Council Bill 2015-086. Special Ordinance 26539 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda
Second Reading Bills:**

**Parks Sales Tax Fund
Balance Reserves**

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-045. A special ordinance amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, in the amount of \$965,000.00, to appropriate current and projected 2006 County-wide Parks Sales Tax fund balance reserves to provide additional funding for water quality, and waterway improvement projects, and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements.

Council Bill 2015-045. Special Ordinance 26540 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Preliminary Plat of
Fuldner Condominiums**

Sponsor: Fishel. Council Bill 2015-057. A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of the public streets and easements to the City of Springfield as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Fuldner Condominiums, generally located at 2937 South Claremont Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with the terms of this ordinance. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Council Bill 2015-057. Special Ordinance 26541 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Pedestrian
Accommodations along
Route 744**

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-058. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) for the construction and maintenance of pedestrian accommodations along portions of Route 744 (Kearney Street), Route 413 (Sunshine Street), Route 13 (Kansas Expressway), Loop 44 (Chestnut Expressway) and Business Route 65 (Chestnut Expressway), designated as MHTC Job Nos. 8P3035C, J8S3025, and J8S3026.

Council Bill 2015-058. Special Ordinance 26542 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Art Museum HVAC
System Installation**

Sponsor: Carroll. Council Bill 2015-059. A special ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield Art Museum for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, in the amount of \$250,000.00 and appropriating these funds for the purchase and installation of an HVAC System in the Musgrave Wing of the Springfield Art Museum.

Council Bill 2015-059. Special Ordinance 26543 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Fisk, and Stephens. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rushefsky, Carroll, and Fishel. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Council confirmed the following appointment to the Traffic Advisory Board: Angelo “Nick” Forte with term to expire April 1, 2017.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

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